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To: Honorable Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee

From: Charles Owens, State Director

Date: September 13, 2011

RE: House Bill 4561 – State Construction Code Changes

We are writing to you to ask for your support for HB 4561 that would move Michigan to a six year code cycle from the current three year cycle.

This legislation addresses the issue of regulations and red tape imposed on business, and in particular small business, that are not necessary.

HB 4561 allows state officials to have more flexibility in its regulatory process, save money and continue to allow for effective rules that emphasize the importance of public safety.

Those who are opposed to this legislation make their living off the rules and the current three year cycle. They want to be able to sell rule books and insert requirements that encourage or require the sale of their products every three years. They are not motivated by what makes sense or is good for the greater business community.

NFIB represents more than 10,000 small businesses in the state of Michigan and we have heard time and time again from our members over the last eight years how Michigan has ignored the concerns of small business and job providers in the development and enforcement of rules and permitting.

We have an opportunity to change that today and we again we ask you to support these bills.

Thank you for your support of small business.